Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A concentrate for coloring a base polyester comprising:

a) one or more colorants; and

b) from about 20 wt. % to about 80 wt. % of one or more copolymers comprising one or more of olefin/acrylate copolymer or olefin/methacrylate copolymer wherein the olefin component of the copolymer comprises from about 40 wt. % to about 99 wt. % of the copolymer and wherein the copolymer comprises one or more of:

ethylene methyl acrylate copolymers (EMA), ethylene methyl methacrylate copolymers (EMMA), ethylene ethyl acrylate copolymers (EEA), ethylene ethyl methacrylate copolymers (EEMA), ethylene butyl acrylate copolymers (EBA), or ethylene butyl methacrylate copolymers (EBMA);

wherein the wt. % is measured by total weight of the concentrate and wherein the concentrate does not comprise a low melt viscosity resin and ~~is adapted to provide~~ provides a polyester composition having a moisture content of less than about 0.1 wt. % as measured by total weight of the polyester composition when the concentrate is combined with a base polyester.

2. (Previously Presented) The concentrate of claim 1, wherein the copolymer comprises one or more of:

ethylene methyl acrylate copolymers (EMA), ethylene methyl methacrylate copolymers (EMMA), ethylene ethyl acrylate copolymers (EEA), ethylene ethyl methacrylate copolymers (EEMA), ethylene butyl acrylate copolymers (EBA), or ethylene butyl methacrylate copolymers (EBMA).

3. (Original) The concentrate of claim 1, wherein the copolymer is present in the concentrate at from about 20 wt. % to about 60 wt. %, as measured by total weight of the concentrate.

4. (Original) A polyester composition comprising the concentrate of claim 1 and a base polyester, wherein the concentrate is present at from about 0.1 wt. % to about 10 wt. %, as measured by total weight of the composition.

5. (Original) The polyester composition of claim 4, wherein the concentrate is present in the composition at from about 1 wt. % to about 5 wt. %, as measured by total weight of the composition.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The polyester composition of claim 4, wherein the inherent viscosity of the composition is equal to or less than about 0.04 g/dL below the inherent viscosity of the base polyester.

8. (Original) The polyester composition of claim 4, wherein the olefin component of the copolymer comprises from about 40 wt. % to about 99 wt. % of the copolymer.

9. (Original) A molded article prepared from the polyester composition of claim 4.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for preparing a colored polyester composition comprising:

a. adding a color concentrate to a base polyester material, wherein the concentrate comprises:

i. one or more colorants; and

ii. from about 20 wt. % to about 80 wt. % of a copolymer comprising one or more of: olefin/acrylate copolymer or olefin/methacrylate copolymer wherein the olefin component of the copolymer comprises from about 40 wt. % to about 99 wt. % of the copolymer and wherein the copolymer comprises one or more of:

ethylene methyl acrylate copolymers (EMA), ethylene methyl methacrylate copolymers (EMMA), ethylene ethyl acrylate copolymers (EEA), ethylene ethyl methacrylate copolymers (EEMA), ethylene butyl acrylate copolymers (EBA), or ethylene butyl methacrylate copolymers (EBMA),

wherein the concentrate does not comprise a low melt viscosity resin and the wt. % of the concentrate is measured by total weight of the copolymer and colorant.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the inherent viscosity of the composition is equal to or less than about 0.04 g/dL below the inherent viscosity of the base polyester.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the copolymer comprises one or more of ethylene methyl acrylate copolymers (EMA), ethylene methyl methacrylate copolymers (EMMA), ethylene ethyl acrylate copolymers (EEA), ethylene ethyl methacrylate copolymers (EEMA), ethylene butyl acrylate copolymers (EBA), or ethylene butyl methacrylate copolymers (EBMA).

13. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the copolymer is present in the concentrate at from about 20 wt. % to about 60 wt. %, as measured by total weight of the concentrate.

14. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the concentrate is present from about 0.1 wt. % to about 10 wt. %, as measured by total weight of the composition.

15. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the concentrate is present at from about 1 wt. % to about 5 wt. %, as measured by total weight of the composition.

16. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the composition has a moisture content of less than about 0.1 wt. %, as measured by total weight of the composition.

17. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the olefin component of the copolymer comprises from about 40 wt. % to about 99 wt. % of the copolymer, as measured by total weight of the copolymer.

18. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of forming the colored polyester composition into a molded article.

19. (Currently Amended) A method of coloring a polyester composition consisting essentially of adding to a base polyester a copolymer comprising one or more of ethylene methyl acrylate copolymers (EMA), ethylene methyl methacrylate copolymers (EMMA), ethylene ethyl acrylate copolymers (EEA), ethylene ethyl methacrylate copolymers (EEMA), ethylene butyl acrylate copolymers (EBA), or ethylene butyl methacrylate copolymers (EBMA), one or more colorants, wherein the copolymer does not comprise a low melt viscosity resin and, thereby providing a colored polyester composition <u>wherein the copolymer includes an olefin component in an amount from about 40 wt. % to about 99 wt. % of the copolymer</u>.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the copolymer is added at from about 2 wt. %, to about 40 wt. %, as measured by total weight of the composition.